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MORTON CALLS

Conference on the Raines Bill at the Capitol To-morrow.

Platt's Men Have Dragooned the Governor, but He Has Asserted Independence.

May Hold the Bill Until the Republican Convention Elects Delegates to St. Louis.

STRONG'S DELPHIC UTTERANCE.

Refuses to Commit Himself on the Excise Measure, and Politicians Speculating Find a Deep, Dark Motive for His Silence.

Republican machine politicians were in an awful stew last night over Governor Morton's action in announcing for to-mor of the cities affected. Whatever results from the hearing, whether or not the Govattitude of yesterday is a declaration of independence as significant as Lieutenant-Governor Saxton's stand last week.

During the past two days the Governor legislators were openly threatened, their district bosses came to Albany and scolded first urged to sign the bill by both Speaker Fish and Senator Raines, Then morrow. There was no truth in the report and its circulators knew there was no truth in it. The object was to have the

is most important, as showing his uneasiness interview of to-day was admir dly designed to stiffen the Governor's vetebrae, but it stiffened it in the wrong way.

A Formal Hearing? The machine men, completely dashed at shoulders of others. first over the Governor's declaration, pulled themselves together, and said, very jauntily, that the hearing was purely formal, and that the fact that the Governor granted the Mayors a hearing plainly indicated he would not send the bill to the Mayors for approval. There is no truth in this report. The Governor has not decided whether or not the bil should go to the Mayors. The matter was referred to the Governor's legal advisor, Revision Commissioner Lincoln, and he has not prepared an opinion on the

That is one of the objects of the hearing to be given the Mayors," said Colonel Ashley W. Cole, the Governor's private sec retary, last night. "There is still a doubt as to whether the bill should go to the Mayors for their approval. The question istill under advisement, and the Mayors hearing may result in either information or arguments upon which a conclusion may be To the Editor of the Journal: used. One thing at least is certain, the fact that a hearing is to be given the Mayors does not mean that the Governor be

credit of having put the case so plainly to him to do so. the Governor that the later could not refuse a hearing although the machine bitterly opposed the granting of such a priv-As the Mayor of Albany, Mr. Thacher sees the injustice of the bill. His freedom from the politician's taint, and the fact that he has not drunk any spirituous, vincous or malt liquor in years, and knows no liquor men caused the Governor to give respectful attention to the request. Mr. Thacher's contention is that the Raines bill is a special city law and for that reason must go to the Mayors.

The Law of the Referendum. Section 12, of the new Constitution, says on this point:

Laws relating to the property, affairs of government of cities and the several departments thereof are divided into gen laws are those which relate to all the cities of one or more classes; special city laws are those which relate to a single oity or less than all the cities of a class. After any bill for a special city law, relating to a city, has been passed by both branches of the Legislature the house in which it originated shall immediately transmit a certified copy thereof to the Mayor of such city, and within fifteen day thereafter the Mayor shall return such bill to the bouse from which it was sont, or if the session of the Legisiature at which such bill passed has terminated, to the Governor, with the Mayor's certificate thereon, stating whether the city has or has not accepted the same. Such a bill, if it relates to to the Mayor of each city to which it ed unless accepted as herein provided

Whenever any such bill is accepted as herein provided it shall be subject, as are other bills, to the action of the Governor Whenever, during the session at which it was passed any such bill is returned without the acceptance of the city or cities to which it relates, or within such fifteen days is not returned, it may never-theless again be passed by both branches of the Legislature and it shall then be subject, as are other bills, to the action

Mayor Thacher said last evening: "I am bill. very glad indeed the Governor has granted (Continued on Second Page.)

WHAT THE MAYORS

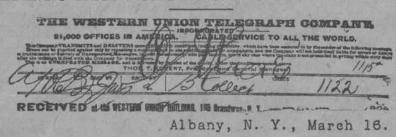
ON THE MAYORS, Few Executives of Cities Favorable to the Excise Measure Which the Legislature Passed.

> Albany, March 16.-Mayor Thacher received from Governor Morton this morning the following reply to the request for a hearing on the Raines bill by the Mayors of the State:

Hon. John Boyd Thacher, Mayor, Albany, N. Y .:

Dear Sir—The Governor directs me to acknowledge the receipt of your communication of the 13th inst., requesting a hearing on behalf of yourself and other Mayors upon the Llquor Tax bill, and to inform you that the hearing so requested will be granted you and the other Mayors who join you in the request on Wednesday, the 18th inst., at 10 a. m., in the Executive Chamber. Very truly ASHLEY W. COLE, Private Secretary.

ALBANY'S MAYOR CONDEMNS STRONG'S INACTIVITY.



row a hearing on the Raines bill for Mayors To the Editor of the Journal:

In reply to your inquiry, I expect to apernor signs the Excise bill, the Governor's pear before the Governor Wednesday morning at 10 o'clock and argue against the Raines bill. Very short time is given me to prepare of the great men concerned. has been subjected to the same sort of dragooning that Legislators' independence succumbed to before the bill passed. The can the fact of the unconstitutionality of the Raines bill and the fact that, as an adthem. Mr. Platt sent them telegrams and letters of warning. The treatment given the Governor differed slightly. He was culties of preserving law and order under Mr. said bill, which practically leaves the regu-Platt's friends privately circulated the alleged information that the Governor lation of the liquor traffic in the hands of would sign the bill either to-day or to- non-residents of our city.

It is scarcely necessary to point out that newspapers regard the Gubernatorial act the Raines bill takes from the city money tion as settled, so that the opposition might which should be used to support the police Mr. Platt's statement of yesterday morning force and the public charities, and gives it He seldom gives out one of his type written to districts of the State which do not have plans, and his lucubrations are invariably to pay for maintaining order in the cities or intended to stiffen somebody bae bone. His contribute to the support of their poor.

I cannot understand why your Mayor should leave the burden of fighting this bill on the

JOHN BOYD THACHER.

TROY'S MAYOR WILL URGE MORTON TO VETO.

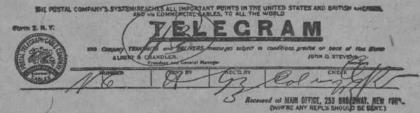
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Troy, N. Y., March 16.

I hope the Governor will have the courage lieves the bill should not go to the May- to veto Raines bill. I expect to attend the John Boyd Thacher is entitled to the hearing given to the Mayors, and will urge FRANCIS J. MOLLOY,

BUFFALO'S MAYOR IS IN THE OPPOSITION.



Buffalo, N. Y., March 16.

To the Editor of the Journal:

I have engagements which make it impossible to leave here Wednesday to attend hearing, but will probably be represented. I am opposed to the bill. EDGAR B. JEWETT,

SYRACUSE'S MAYOR BELIEVES IN A VETO.



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Syracuse, N. Y, March 16.

To the Editor of the Journal:

believe the Governor should veto the Raines JAMES K. McGUIRE, Mayer of Syracuse.

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SAY, PUGH AND DICKINSON RESORT TO FISTS.

the Senator and Ex-Postmaster-General.

Cards into the Face of the President's Friend.

The Alabamian's Virulent Criticism of Three Hundred Troops Barred the the Administration Led to the Collision.

Neither Combatant Was Injured, and Apologies, a Handshake and Reconciliation Immediately Followed.

sayed to smash each other in the eye, and from Adjutant-General Collier.

The collision mourned over took place between Don Dickinson and Senator Pugh, of Alabama. The theatre of these frenzied ymnastics was Chamberlin's,

By the way, this famous hostelry would seem to be superseding Bladensburg as a clace for private rencontres. It was here Buffalo Bill" Cody whipped Fred May. It was here that Lieutenant Lucien Young, of our Navy, punched the celebrated nose of Senator Blackburn. It was here, on last Saturday night, that the choleric Senator Pugh, as a finale to some disrespectful remarks he had just delivered concerning Cleveland, dashed a full deck of playing eards into the face of Don Dickinson, with a wicked force, and the two, joining physi-cal issue, at once became locked in a leadly embrace, and the war was on.

This is the story, or such meagre details as can be collected. Thurber is fluttering ibout, commissioned to stifle the yarn in very avenue through which it may strive to reach the public, and that makes men

It was Saturday night. Chamberlin's rooms were full. Chamberlin's is a great esort for the personages "in our midst, and among others who were there at the time quoted, were Don Dickonson and RECORDS OF THE COMBATANTS.

Don Dickinson was once of the Cabinet s Postmaster-General. He is the author of Thurber in this Administration, and a varm, near henchman of the President.

Senator Pugh is a Southern gentleman representing Alabama in the upper House. He has been in Congress since Buchanan's ime. For three or four years he preferred o represent his State in the Confederate longress, which sat at Richmond, until Grant adjourned it sine die, with his Senator Pugh is very old, but age, as

n the case of the Black Douglas, has no perved to cool his blood, which is as full of flery possibility as naphtha. The old statesman is as combustible as a powder chamberlin economy to that device known as draw poker. They play games here of the cort, which cynics ferisively term the sort which cynics ferisively term The snow was four inches deep.

Pugh makes a specialty of hating the Administration. He counts each day lost wherein he does not roundly and soundly wherein he does not roundly and soundly lined the street gave vent to deriste cries.

adverted to that high official and he poured forth view after view touching Cleveland.

His remarks were addressed to Dickinson, accuracy of Pugh's statements and winding up with a perorative mouthful of animad-version on Pugh himself.

PUGH OPENS THE ENGAGEMENT. It was at this crisis that Pugh cast the deck of cards, which he was fondling, into the frank and open face of Dickinson, strikkers for which Dickinson has fame.

Bowery on Saturday nights.

even to first blood. The few horrified spectators of this unlooked for sporting event lution commending Governor Bradley's accollected their energies and pulled them apart. Both were much blown and a bit groggy from exertion and lack of training.

Dickingon's face was approached. Dickinson's face was unmarked, and great members arose like one man and walked joy was expressed that Pugh hit him with the cards rather than a stack of chips, which he most probably would have done had any such companies. In the Service of Argustia

The Fanatic Dervishes Are Marching In

against Kassala.

Kassala, and with this object have for resolution then went on to say: warded strong reinforcements, which are expected to reach Kassala today.

Pugilistic Encounter Between Kentucky Solons Hemmed nor. In on All Sides by the Militia.

> and a State House Siege Ensued.

Passage of Those Who Were Not Provided with Passes.

FRIENDS QUICKLY INTERFERED. GOVERNOR HISSED IN THE STREET.

Scenes of Disorder Renewed in the Upper House-Only One Vote Cast for Senator-Another Vote Before Adjournment.

High official circles time since the war the Kentucky Legislaave received a dreadful shock. Two eml- ture met to-day under bayonet rule. True ent publicists, meeting privately at catch- to his promise, Governor Bradley had the the Senate went into session again to conweights, have had what is vulgarly called State soldiers on guard and not even a sider the resolution against Governor Brada "scrap." They swung at each other's nose, esneck, welted away at each other's nose, ester the State House yard without a pass report, and nothing was done.

tion of the Constitution and statutes of Kentucky, as subversive of their civil government and a flagrant usurpation of power which should be resented by all citizens of this commonwealth; that this body does refuse, so long as the State militia remains in control of the capital, to consider any matter of legislation or to receive or con sider any communication from the Gover

Mr. Bronston moved that the vote be taken on his resolution, and made a bitter speech, declaring that every man not willing to crawl on his belly should vote for it He spoke at length and went further than his resolution. He denounced as infamou The Former Dashes a Deck of Bradley Carried Out His Threat lies the storles that had been taken to the Governor by those high in authority. He said that Kentuckians were not dead yet and would have peace if they had to sum-mon every able-bodied man in Kentucky to the State capital.

Mr. Hayward followed and likened Gov ernor Bradley's action and its result to the days of Napoleon in France. He thought they were heading over an earth-

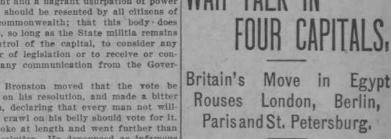
The chair ruled that Mr. Bronston's res olution was out of order, and then took the floor and defended his rule, ocupying the time until noon, at which hour the joint session was called.

ONE VOTE FOR SENATOR When the roll was caled in the joint as-sembly the members of both parties refused to vote for United States Senator, with Washington, March 16.-Cleveland is Lexington, Ky., March 16.-For the first the exception of Mr. Speed, Republican, who voted for Boyle.

The joint assembly then adjourned, and report, and nothing was done.

sayed to smash each other in the eye, and if no bones were broken, no skin abrazed, no blood set flowing, it is all due more to a lack of direct skill as puglists than to any fallure of nerve or ardor on the part of the great men concerned.

Three hundred troops from Louisville arther well-known race horse starter, Jack than to morning and they were quartered near the well-known race horse starter, Jack then the well-known race horse starter, Jack the well-known race horse starter, Jack then the well-known race



lek Acts Like a Bombshell in Germany.

of Wilhelm's Dispatch to Oom Paul.

WILL THE POWERS COME TO BLOWS?

Nobody Believes that Sympathy for Italy Calls for a Campaign Against the Dervishes-Salisbury Again Courting Public Favor.

By Julian Ralph.

London, March 16 .- Two Cabinet meetings o-day, one in Berlin, attended by great excitement, and one in London, Wolseley dancing attendance, indicate a ticklish condi-The greatest excitement occurred when the well-known race horse starter, Jack tion of affairs, which many predict must end soon with blows between the great

> The action of the Czar in conferring a distinguished order on King Menelek is regarded in Germany in the same manner as Emperor William's telegram to Krueger was regarded in England two months ago.

Here in England a two hours' session of the cabinet in regard to the Dongola campaign against the Dervishes, followed by discussion in the House of Commons seems to indicate that Salisbury means to push English control far down the Nile to meet British boldings in Uganda and Victoria Nyanza, and to cement parts of the great African Empire, which is the Tory dream.

If Salisbury really plans this he is at least logical. He has never falled or ceased to condemn the Gladstone government for its fallure to rescue Gordon. He has never ceased to argue that the Soudan should never have been abandoned.

LIKE THE SHADOW OF GLADSTONE.

Sir William Harcourt, speaking like the shadow of Gladstone, warned the Tories that if this first step was the policy of advance, it was a step of the most perilous character, and ought to be strongly condemned, and it will be strenuously op-

This is also logical on the Liberal side. What he means by "perflous character," is easy to understand, and many share his bellef. The reason is that France is keenly Interested in preventing the southward spread of English power in Egypt. Whoever will look up the map of Africa, will see that France, begining with Senegambia, on the west coast, has slowly crept further and further inland, until she now holds fortified positions two-thirds of the way

But what the map does not show is that at least one French expedition is believed "Well, we didn't think we could get in, to have already proceeded far toward the sources of the Nile. If France can hold esolution was also passed authorizing the annual overflow. England has long more

FRANCE MAY HAVE HER SAY. Meantime, since the French are large inany money in the Egyptian treasury for the support of the present war against the Colonel Castleman, commanding the Sec- dervishes. Thus again, at four cardinal the Governor's authority this afternoon points is the peace of Europe put to an about 4 o'clock by ordering his three hun- intense strain-in London, Paris, Berlin

I find no one here who fancles that symtake orders from the Chief Executive he sudden move on the part of England in the but before adjourning another ballot will to regain los%t prestige, appealing to the patriotism of the public to regain what Britain lost when Gordon was killed. The KAISER ON THE LOOKOUT. whole movement was as sudden and un-Important Ministerial Meeting in Berlin, expected as the explosion of a powder magazine.

The news made public by Mr. Curzon in

It was long expected that this would ITALIANS IN IMMINENT PERIL, told the Captain he might leave, and he and the Soudan constituted the subject of happen, and it was foreseen that they must die, for the Mahdl's leaders are no

"Resolved, That we denounce such action British operations in the Soudan are So once again Salisbury is playing with



Governor William O. Bradley,

He is Kentucky's Chief Executive, and ordered out several companies of the State house and burns with the same spectacular and explosive effects, and, as stated, the and many Republicans. When he appeared in the street under an armed escort, durwo met at Chamberlin's. They and a se- ing the day, he was greeted with hisses and cat calls.

When Governor Bradley was escorted smile

denounce Cleveland and despitefully use his name. He is also a headlong free silver before witnessed by Kentucklans, and when the same of the same in the same is a significant to densive crees. With this they walked away. An indignation meeting was held in the Frankfort court House at 12 o'clock, presided over because she can divert the waters of the

CHAPLAIN STOPPED BY BAYONETS. Just before the hour for the Legislature which were not complimentary, in language er attempted to enter the State House be held to-night. Many of the telegrams grounds on his way to the halls of legisla- were answered and meetings will be His remarks were addressed to Dickinson, who hotly replied, challenging the general he was stopped at the gates by bayonets he was stopped at the gates by bayonets Republicans join in condemning the Government to protest against the use of and told he could not enter without a ernor for calling out the troops. pass. After explaining, he was allowed to enter, but when he mounted the rostrum

the traise and open tace of Dickinson, strik-ing him squarely between those side whis-kers for which Dickinson has fame.

by the armed men surrounding the capi. about 4 o'clock by ordering his three hun-intense strain—in I dred men to stack arms and make prepara-and St. Petersburg.

applause from the Democrats. It was not to go to a finish, however, or member of the House to introduce a reso-

which he most probably would have done had any such commodify been within his possession or control.

There was a great deal of talk following the fracas; there always is. The upshot of it all was that Dickinson and Pugh solemnly shook hands and begged parison. Then they all gave themselves up to considering how the story might be suppressed, and so the control of the story might be suppressed.

In the Senate a dramatic scene occurred when Captain Gaines, of the McCreary Guards and begged period. The story might be suppressed, and so the control of the sto In the Senate a dramatic scene occurred enant-Governor told him to. That official

did so.
THE GOVERNOR DENOUNCED. the Editor of the Journal:

Great Force Against Kassala.

Rome, March 16.—A dispatch from Massoston continued to prod the Governor for calling out the troops, and offered a resolu
The Senate was a scene of confusion for some time after this occurred. Mr. Bronston continued to prod the Governor for calling out the troops, and offered a resoluof the triple alliance for another five aroused by the plight of Italy, while the reports that the Mahdist army is marching tion in which he set forth the fact of the years under the old conditions, he read a Tories hope that by an effort to reconquer gainst Kassain.

The Italians are determined to hold Governor taking personal command. The Sermoneta, the foreign Minister of Italy. tion behind them.

on the part of the Governor as in viola- watched here with the keenest interest. | are, as he did in the Venezuela case, and

the leading fighter, remarked, with a

but we thought we would try it anyhow." With this they walked away. An indig-It fell out that the moment Pugh beheld Dickinson, whom he knows as a gold-bug adherent of the President, that his mind adverted to the control of the control Mayor to telegraph the various cities and than suspected this to be Italy's design. to convene, as the venerable Chapiain Coop- towns requesting that indignation meetings

CASTLEMAN DEFIES BRADLEY. and Regiment, State Guard, openly defied Then they clinched and cavorted and with this the minister descended and been placed in command of the entire guard made futile efforts to smite each other, and tipped over chairs and carried on like the walked from the chamber amid deafening by the Governor, but having refused to take orders from the Democrats. An attempt was made by a Republican took summary action with his own regi- Soudan. All believe it to be a Tory move ment. The Legislature adjourns to-morrow.

the Emperor Presiding - Britain's Movements Keenly Watched.

replied that he would remain if the Lieu-

militia having been ordered out and the reassuring dispatch from the Duke di the Soudan they may weld the whole na-

Britain's Move in Egypt Rouses London, Berlin, Paris and St. Petersburg. Czar's Decoration of King Mene-